ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

Edward Argyle, electronics expert at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, said the United States' Atlas satellite was a "rubbishy propaganda stunt."

His government superiors rebuked him. Mines Minister Comtois stands by the rebuke. He isn't sorry.

Mr. Argyle violated the rule of "prudence and reticence" in public statements by civil servants, the minister told the Commons.

The rocket with its disembodied voice of President Eisenhower broadcasting a friendly recorded message to the universe has come back to earth. But tempers are still up in the air.

How prudent and reticent are civil servants supposed to be?

They would be rash to make public statements attacking government policy. If Mr. Argyle had said that the minister of mines was unfit for his job, he would deserve to get in trouble, even if his statement happened to be true.

Nothing to Do with Policy

However, Mr. Argyle's statement had nothing to do with Canadian government policy. He made a remark about something that had taken place in the United States. He spoke to a newspaper reporter, in his own home.

Why shouldn't a Canadian civil servant have the right to discuss a foreign nation?

True, his remarks might, indirectly, have some effect on Canada. But any subject in the world is linked with Canadian affairs, if you carry cause and effect far enough. Even a small stone makes ripples that reach the shore.

Then the only safe rule is for a civil servant to keep his mouth shut all the time. Many civil servants have long observed that rule.

If they want to keep quiet of their own free will, they should be allowed that privilege. However, I don't see why an official gag should be applied to them. What they say on subjects outside official Canadian policy is their own business.

Here is another question: Should scientists be subject to the same rules that govern other civil servants?

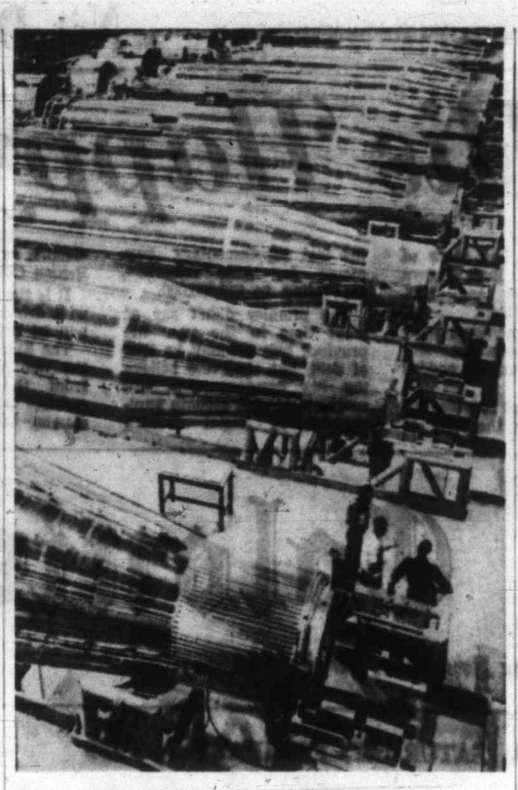
Maybe He Did Us a Favor

In theory, science goes beyond national borders. Should it be hamstrung by civil service rules?

If the United States' satellite really was a rubbishy propaganda stunt, then Mr. Argyle did us a favor when he saved us from being taken in by it. Other scientists were at liberty to attack him as being mistaken, or not qualified to give an opinion. Mr. Argyle's boss was free to declare that the views expressed were not necessarily those of the observatory—a disclaimer which he did in fact promptly issue.

Scientists—even junior scientists — should be impartial men. Unless they are actually working on secret defence projects, they should be free to pass their knowledge and opinions along to the public.

They should be free from political censorship. It seems to me that political censorship has been used on Mr. Argyle.



Missile Assembly Line

Nested in elevated docks at San Diego, Calif., are gleaming U.S. Air Force Atlas intercontinental ballistic missiles. They are assembled and checked out in this section of the plant. The missiles' stainless steel bodies are 10 feet in diameter and 75 feet long.

Province to Split Fees for Tuition

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in Canada but unique on this continent."

There was other good news for UBC and Victoria College from the government yesterday.

Premier Bennett said in his budget speech that the two institutions would share an increase of $708,900 in government grants — $650,000 for UBC and $58,900 for Victoria College.

The UBC grant will be boosted from $4,334,000 to $4,984,000; the college grant from $245,750 to $304,650.

Of the new policy on student aid and teacher training loans, the premier said:

"It is proposed to fully guarantee bonds issued and sold by the University of British Columbia for this purpose, and to entrust the university with the administration of the program."

"In conjunction with this policy, the government has provided $310,000 to enable the giving of bursaries and scholarships to deserving university students and teachers in training," he said.

Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie, president of UBC, which recently asked for an increase of $2,000,000 over last year in grants and indicated fees would have to be increased if it was not granted, was out of Vancouver yesterday and unavailable for comment.

Prof. R. T. Wallace, vice-principal of Victoria College, was most taken with the tuition-fee aid.

"That sounds outstanding," he said. "It's an extremely fine gesture to reward people who do well academically."

The professor said the loan fund would greatly benefit out-of-town students—particularly those in the Interior.

"The $1,200 it costs a year for board and fees and everything is a real hardship for them," he said. Annual fees at college are about $280.

Not so happy with the tuition-fee aid plan was CCF member Tony Gargrave, a UBC student, who commutes during the sessions.

"It's the average students I'm concerned for," he said. "They'll be hit hardest when the fees go up."

"This is just sugar-coating the pill for possible fee raises . . . this is most likely now," said Mr. Gargrave.

"Dr. MacKenzie asked for $2,200,000," he said, "and apparently all he's getting is a portion of that."

Mr. Gargrave said the "insufficient" grants will lead to "it being taken out of the hides of the faculty because they won't get any salary increases."

Bennett Gives 'Happy' Budget

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Desk tops really thundered as the premier explained how the debt was at last to be wiped out.

The premier said the government plans to spend more money this year than it expects to take in. He estimated the revenue surplus will be down to $201,339 by the end of the 1959-60 fiscal year.

In the 1958-59 fiscal year the government spent $28,000,000 more than it received in revenues which accounts for the big reduction in the surplus revenue fund.

"We believe in putting away money in good times and spending it to create employment and purchasing power in bad times," he said.

The premier said no other government does that, but pointed out to reporters that it is the same principle as the squirrels who gather food in the summer for the dreary winter.

HAPPY BUDGET

"This is the day we have been looking forward to, the premier said. "This is a happy budget. It is good for the people of British Columbia. The great burden of debt is off our backs."

When Social Credit took office in 1952, the net provincial debt stood at $191,000,000.

The premier said divident to British Columbia from wiping off the debt will mean $25,000,000 more to spend this year because of no debt service charges.

The budget makes no tax changes—no increases and no decreases.

There is no mention of the expected increase in the $28 homeowners' grant.

BIGGEST SOURCE

Biggest source of revenue will again be the 5 per cent social security tax which is estimated to bring $84,000,000 to provincial coffers and Premier Bennett says he expects it will bring more.

The premier calls it "a budget where emphasis is on human values."

STABLE BUDGET

It would appear to be a good stabilizing budget in preparedness for an election budget followed by a general election next year.

The increased expenditures appear to be mainly to keep up with the normal growth factor.

The premier said the effect of tight money is still being felt, but the province is pulling out of the recession and industrial production is gaining momentum.

ROSY OUTLOOK

He predicted that by mid-year conditions may compare favorably with the boom days of 1956.

"This province stands on the threshold of the most productive and prosperous period in her history," he said.

Accident Prevention Police Chief's Topic

Victoria Police Chief John Blackstock will explain the paradoxical fact "accidents are caused, they don't just happen" at a meeting of the Victoria Gyro Club at 12 noon in the Empress Hotel today.

Ship Calendar

MERCHANT SHIPPING

In port—Thunderbird, King Charles.

UP-ISLAND PORTS

Crofton—Canadian Star.
Tahsis—Riverton, Mormackrey.
Alberni—Mostun, Keraten Miles, City of Alma, Roiv Jarl.

Oil Plan Faces First Test

OLDS, Alta. (CP)—The Alberta government's five-year development plan and suspension of the oil and gas royalty dividend scheme will receive its first ballot test in Monday's by-election.

Result of the two-party battle for the Olds constituency might be used by Premier E. C. Manning to decide the time of a general provincial election.

The Social Credit government hopes to retain the agricultural riding with Roderick A. Macleod, 50-year-old owner of a general store and mayor of Sundre—a town of 800—since 1950.

His single opponent is Walter Anderson, 41-year-old Huxley farmer, carrying the Liberal party's hopes in his first crack at politics.

Leprosy Case Found in U.K.

WALSALL, England (Reuters)—The medical office of health for this Staffordshire town said Friday a case of leprosy has been confirmed here, but "the risk of the disease spreading is absolutely negligible."

The patient is a young Negro woman. She is being sent to a treatment centre.

Red Fish Fleet Near Norway

BERGEN, Norway (AP) — A giant Russian fishing fleet of about 300 ships began operating Friday just outside the fishery boundary on Norway's west coast.

Several Norwegian warships began patrolling the boundary line, four miles from the Norwegian coast off Kristiansund to scare off any Soviet trespassers.

Lord's Day Charges Withdrawn in Toronto

TORONTO (UPI) — Attorney-General Kelso Roberts confirmed Friday he had withdrawn charges against the Toronto Telegram, the Globe and Mail, the Star, radio station CKEY and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for alleged violations of the Lord's Day Act.

The CBC appealed on the grounds that as a Crown corporation it did not come under the definition of a "person" set out in the act and the charges laid in 1957 were never pressed.

World News Review

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—President Eisenhower has rejected the idea of a trip to Russia under present conditions.

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PARIS—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and President Charles de Gaulle have agreed that Western rights in Berlin must be maintained "by all available means."

★ ★ ★

ZURICH, Switzerland — Premiers Adnan Menderes of Turkey and Constantine Karamanlis of Greece met here to launch a new attempt to settle the perennial problem of Cyprus.

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TORONTO — Two armed bandits herded 13 people into a vault at the Imperial Bank in east-end Toronto Friday, then escaped with $3,500.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Six Iraqi cabinet ministers are reported to have resigned from the government of revolutionary Premier Abdel Karim Kassem. All six were believed to be independent, non-party men.

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GENEVA—Semyon K. Tsarapkin, chief Soviet negotiator at the three-power nuclear conference, warned that Russia will not accept a nuclear test ban on current western terms.

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ST. PAUL, Minn.—The great Northern Railway has obtained a restraining order which staved off, at least temporarily, a strike of conductors and trainmen along its vast western system.

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OTTAWA — Action was initiated by the government yesterday to have a joint committee of the Commons and the Senate make a general study of Indian affairs with emphasis on social and economic aspects.

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LONDON — The West will shortly send to Moscow an offer for an East-West foreign ministers' conference on Germany this spring, say informed diplomatic sources.

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OTTAWA — Opposition Leader Pearson said any additions or improvements in Canada's social security legislation should be paid for by taxes—not through inflation.

No Flights To Sydney If—CPA

VANCOUVER (CP)—Canadian Pacific Airlines will discontinue service to Australia March 11 if Australian authorities are adamant in their stand to reduce by half the weekly CPA flights from here to Sydney.

A CPA spokesman said Friday Australia wants CPA to continue the service on a twice-monthly basis after March 11 and now is negotiating the matter with federal officials.

"However, we feel it is impossible to ask our passengers to plan around-the-world trips on the basis of twice-monthly service," the spokesman said.

At Ottawa, External Affairs Minister Smith said in the Commons the Canadian government is pressing for a continuation of the air agreement.

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Weather Forecast

February 7, 1959

Variable cloudiness with a few rain showers and snow flurries today. Colder. Winds northeasterly 15. Precipitation Friday, .03. Sunshine, 2 hours 24 minutes. Sunday outlook: snow flurries.

Recorded Temperatures

High..... 44 Low..... 37

Forecast Temperatures

High..... 38 Low..... 32

Sunrise....7.36 Sunset...5.21

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Variable cloudiness with scattered showers of rain or wet snow. Clearing by the afternoon with exception of east coast where snow flurries will continue. Colder. Winds northerly 20. Sunday outlook: clear and cold. High and low at Nanaimo, 35 and 25.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Variable cloudiness with few rain showers in early morning, becoming sunny. Colder. Light northerly winds. Sunday outlook: clear and cold. High and low at Estevan Point, 40 and 34.

TEMPERATURES

	Low	High	Precip
Halifax	26	38	--
Montreal	7	18	--
Ottawa	2	13	.02
Toronto	6	16	--
North Bay	-6	1	.05
Port Arthur	-24	-2	--
Kenora	-32	-10	--
Winnipeg	-33	-9	--
Brandon	-29	-3	--
The Pas	-34	-10	--
Regina	-22	0	--
Saskatoon	-27	-9	--
Prince Albert	-44	-7	--
North Battleford	-23	-7	--
Swift Current	-6	0	.03
Medicine Hat	-2	14	.39
Lethbridge	-3	16	.14
Calgary	-3	0	.24
Edmonton	-4	0	.01
Kimberley	18	29	.62
Crescent Valley	22	36	.65
Kaslo	25	33	.40
Grand Forks	13	38	--
Kamloops	21	32	.27
Penticton	24	38	--
Vancouver	33	44	--
Prince Rupert	31	35	.03
Prince George	6	15	.20
Whitehorse	-1	5	.01
Seattle	36	44	.06
Portland	37	47	.08
San Francisco	43	60	--
Los Angeles	49	65	--
Spokane	32	39	--
Chicago	9	18	--
New York	28	39	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.
7	05.30	8.2	08.27	7.2	13.35	8.9	20.58	2.1
8	05.43	8.1	09.14	6.7	14.23	8.5	21.35	2.5
9	04.52	8.1	10.00	6.3	15.10	8.1	22.14	3.2
10	05.16	8.2	10.49	5.9	15.59	7.6	22.48	3.9
11	06.38	8.3	11.40	5.6	16.52	7.1	23.19	4.6
12	06.08	8.3	12.34	5.3	17.50	6.6	23.48	5.3
13	06.36	8.4	13.34	4.9	19.14	6.2	23.59	5.9
14	07.04	8.4	14.38	4.6	.....		.....	
15	07.27	8.4	15.45	4.2	.....		.....	
16	07.51	8.4	16.47	3.9	.....		.....	
17	08.23	8.4	17.32	3.5	.....		.....	
18	09.13	8.4	18.13	3.1	.....		.....	
19	10.20	8.4	18.52	2.7	.....		.....	

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.
7	05.48	11.7	11.00	8.6	15.40	10.3	22.41	2.8
8	06.16	11.4	11.43	7.9	16.37	10.0	23.20	3.3
9	06.44	11.1	12.5[illegible]	7.3	17.39	9.7	23.58	4.0
10	07.08	11.4	13.08	6.8	18.29	9.4	.....	
11	08.36	4.9	01.32	11.3	13.53	6.3	19.30	9.1
12	01.10	5.8	07.58	11.2	14.37	5.9	20.36	8.9
13	01.48	[illegible]	08.23	11.0	15.25	5.5	21.55	8.8
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15	03.13	8.4	09.20	10.6	17.05	4.9	.....	
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18	03.25	10.2	07.32	9.6	11.26	10.2	19.32	3.8
19	03.55	10.6	08.31	9.6	12.23	10.1	20.15	3.4

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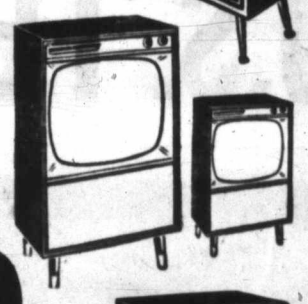

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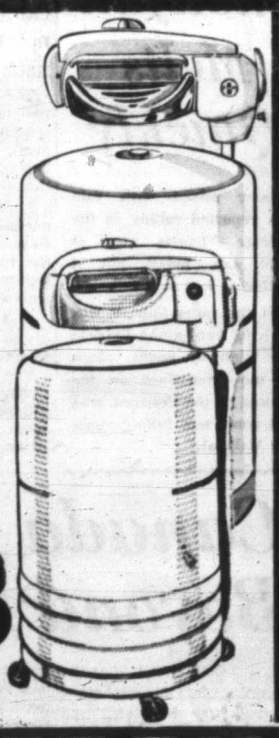

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